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25X1 5. [] I talked to Mr. Ralph Burr, Legislative Reference staff, OMB, in response to OMB's request for views on the State Department proposed draft bill "To provide for the establishment of an American Council for Private International Communications, Incorporated, to grant support to the activities of private American organizations engaged in the field of communication with foreign peoples." I told Mr. Burr that the Agency supports generally the proposed legislation. I also outlined for him a prime consideration that the legislation protects the private as opposed to governmental nature of the Radios. Mr. Burr thanked me for the call.

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1. [] Mr. Cord Meyer, ADDP, and I joined Mr. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and Richard T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, in meeting with House Speaker Carl Albert regarding proposed legislation for the funding of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mr. Abshire explained the problem and the Speaker seemed completely sympathetic. He noted the danger that amendments from the floor might complicate the problem, and recommended that attempts be made to get the legislation on the Consent Calendar or that a "closed rule" be obtained. He indicated either course would have his support.

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2. [] Mr. Meyer and I then met with Senator Milton Young to inform him of our plans regarding legislation for the funding of the Radios and seek his cooperation. He said such legislation would probably come before Senator McClellan's Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Judiciary of the Senate Appropriations Committee, in which case he thought we could expect a sympathetic hearing.

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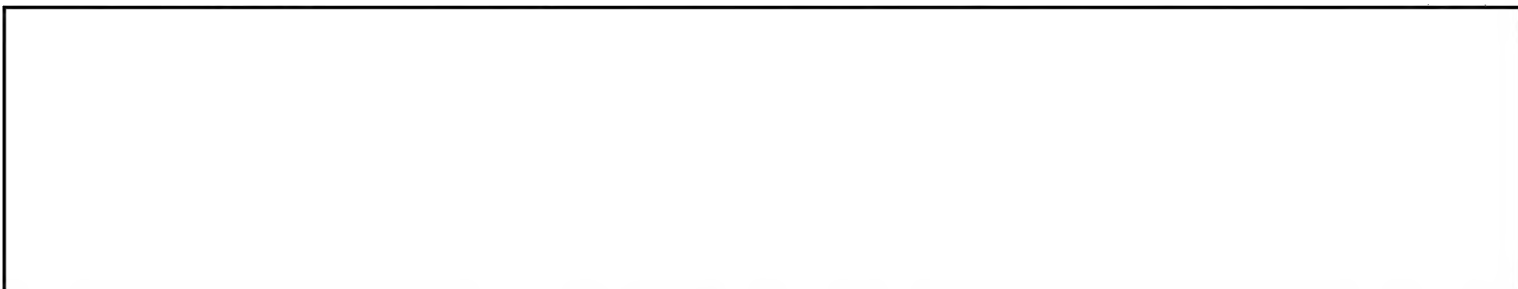
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2.  Mr. David Abshire's secretary called to say he was setting up a meeting with House Speaker Albert regarding RFE and RL for Wednesday morning and asked if Mr. Meyer and I would be available. I said we would and Mr. Abshire will let us know later of the time and place of the meeting.

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25X1 13. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the current status of the Agency retirement investment program. Mr. Preston had no questions and seemed mildly impressed by the program. Mr. Preston passed on to me that the Chairman, by remarks relating to the meeting with Agency and State personnel about the Radios, has emphasized his strong determination against any further funding for the Radios in Defense legislation. He told me also that the Committee schedule for the coming month is extremely tight. The Committee is already getting behind supplemental and reprogramming legislation. Also, the Chairman has mentioned his desire for a meeting of the "special group;" unless something happens to force a change, there is little time available to schedule one. As an item of old business, Mr. Preston also noted that there will not be time in the next week or so for any review of files.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the India/Pakistan situation and the Salyut space mission.

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14. [] Returned the call of Ralph Burr, Legislative Reference Service, OMB, who said that our comments on the draft bill and proposed Speaker letter on the Radios were no longer due on an ASAP basis since the Senate hearings had been postponed until later in May. I thanked him and told him we had not yet received the legislative package which he said he had sent out by special courier sometime last week. He told me that he understood that we had a hand in drafting the proposed legislation.

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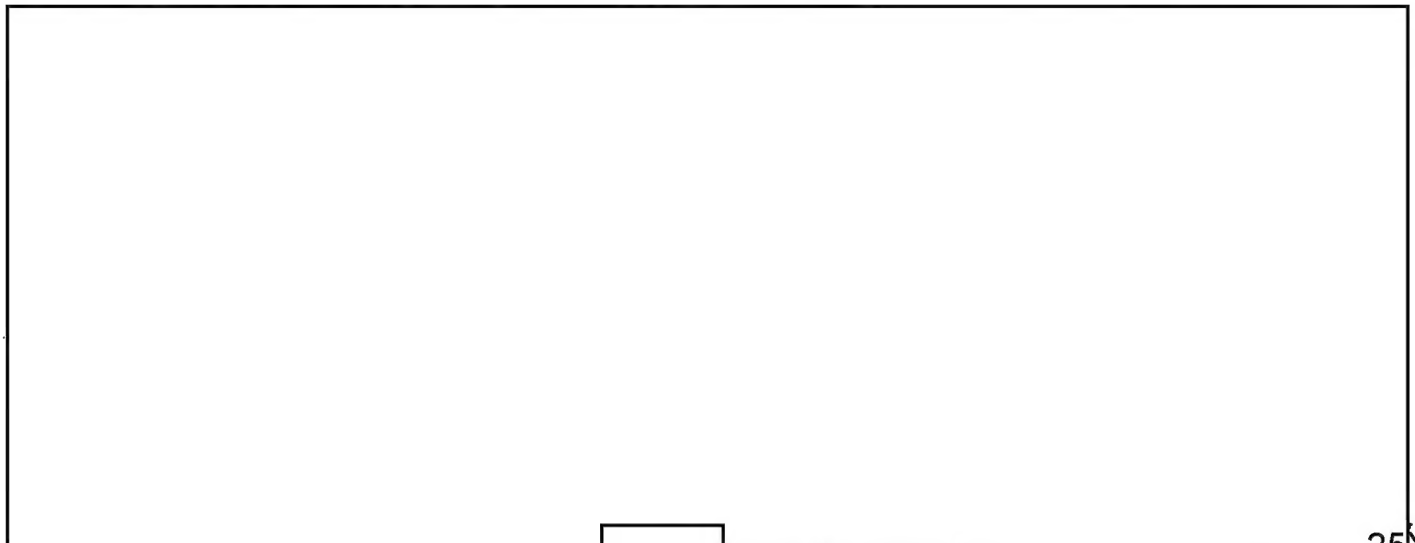
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2.  Mr. Meyer, ADDP, and I accompanied Messrs. David Abshire and John Baker, State Department, to a meeting with Chairman George Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. See Memo for Record for details.


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25X1 14. [] Met with Senator Milton Young (R., N. Dak.)
to whom I explained our problems with the Radios and whom I briefed on
recent developments regarding Soviet ICBMs, Soviet ABM system, ChiCom
nuclear facilities, high-performance Soviet aircraft in Egypt, new SAM
installations in Egypt, and developments in the Soviet space program.

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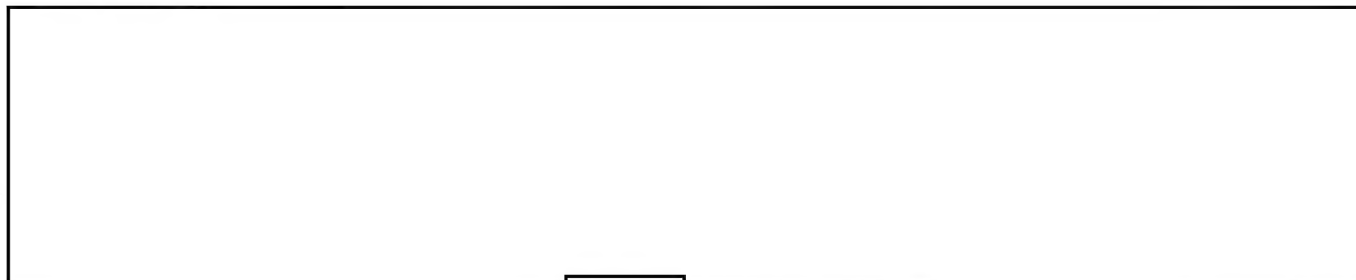
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10. [redacted] Attended the first meeting of the White House Legislative Interdepartmental Group. Topics covered of interest to the Agency included GAO requests for information; responses to Senator Symington's letters of 9 March on the reconstitution of his Subcommittee on Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad; and RFE/RL legislation. See Memo for Record.

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1. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to apologize for not having moved faster to set up a meeting with Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, regarding our Radios. He explained his office had been completely tied up in the refugee problem stirred up by Representative Paul McCloskey, but he would move as soon as possible, and agreed to try to set up a meeting for Friday, 23 April.

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